



# The Randolph Review

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## **PARTA** Serves Randolph Township

Randolph Township recently received the 2006 yearly operating report for PARTA services. There was a 67% increase from 2005 to 2006 for all Door-to-Door trips originating in Randolph Township.

What is PARTA? The Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) provides safe, dependable, courteous and affordable transportation services that help Portage County residents meet their travel needs. PARTA's Dial-A-Ride service provides door-to-door transportation to all the communities of Portage County. PARTA buses operate Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for some holidays.

It's easy to register and ride. Just call the office at 330-678-1BUS (1287) or 1-800-673-1BUS (1287). Reservation hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You need to let them know a few details to schedule a ride such as:

- Rides need to be scheduled anywhere from one day and up to two weeks in advance.
- Rides are booked on a first come, first serve basis.
- Your name and the date of the trip you want to schedule.
- The name and street address where you want to be picked up.
- The name and street address where you want to be dropped off.
- The time you must be there.
- The time you will be ready to leave. (If you wish to schedule a return trip.)
- How many people will be riding with you.
- NOTE: PARTA's Dial-A-Ride is *only* a door-to-door service. Drivers are not permitted to enter residences or businesses.

The fares for this great service are reasonable. The cost for the general public is \$4.00 each way, with a special rate of \$2.00 each way for seniors, children, and persons with disabilities. A pass for 10 rides may also be purchased. The cost for a general public 10 Ride Pass is \$30.00. The 10 Ride Pass cost for seniors, children, and persons with disabilities is \$15.00. Please remember if not using a pass, it is cash only and you must have exact change. The drivers do not carry change or accept checks. Passes and tickets can be purchased at the PARTA offices located at 2000 Summit Road in Kent (across from Dix Stadium) or by calling and requesting a mail order form.

Randolph Township offers a heartfelt "Thank you" to PARTA for providing this vital service to all residents of Portage County. For additional information, please contact PARTA at 330-678-1287 or log onto their website at [www.PARTAonline.org](http://www.PARTAonline.org).

## ***"Our Rich History"***

### **Memorial Day Festivities**

The center of Randolph will be the place to be on Monday, May 28, 2007. The day will start off with a Pancake Breakfast served by the Randolph Lions Club in the Randolph Township Fire Station. The fire station is located at 1639 St. Rt. 44. The breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All profits will benefit the residents of Randolph Township through the many service organizations the Lions Club supports.

The annual parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from Hillside Cemetery on Hartville Road. Parade entrants should begin lining up at 9:30 a.m. The parade route will head east on Waterloo Road to St. Rt. 44 and then head north to the Olde School Park. Grab your chair and find a place along the route to watch the parade.

As is tradition for Randolph Township, a memorial service will be held outside of the Town Hall following the end of the parade. One highlight is the winner of the speech contest. Each year the Lions Club sponsors a speech contest open to Waterloo High School students. The winner will read their speech on Memorial Day. What a great way to celebrate Memorial Day!

## **EA Network and 211 Portage**

The Emergency Assistance (EA) Network provides important information on services that may be available to individuals and families in Portage County. EA Network works in conjunction with United Way to provide these services. A few of the services that are available to residents of Portage County include:

- \*Emergency services from American Red Cross, Safer Futures, Freedom House;
- \*Clothing – County Clothing Center, United Way 211 Portage;
- \*Food – Center of Hope, Change Hunger, Kent Social Services;
- \*Health Clinics – Child Health Services, Townhall II, Veterans' Administration
- \*Rent/Housing – Fair Housing Contact Service, Housing & Emergency Support Services (HESS), Catholic Charities of Portage County, Salvation Army;
- \*Utilities – Community Action Council, United Way 211 Portage;
- \*Veterans' Services – Veterans' Service Commission Office Portage County.

An easy way to find out more information is to call United Way 211 Portage at 211. 211 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects residents of Portage County with community resources and volunteer opportunities. The 211 Portage service is free, confidential, and available to all Portage County residents. Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## **TOWNSHIP ROAD RIGHT OF WAY**

Are you finding items in your yard or ditch that were hidden by the snow? As we "spring clean" our yards, please remember to call the Road Department before doing any work to your ditch or culvert. This includes culverts, utilities, and any changes of ditch/culvert design. The township has a 60 foot right of way on most township roads. The right of way is measured 30 feet from the center of the road to each side. The Road Department can be reached at 330-325-2776.

## Portage County Health Department

The Portage County Health Department serves 18 townships, seven villages, and two cities. The services they provide are invaluable to the residents of Portage County. The budget for the health department relies on permits, fees, and licenses for the majority of its budget. Additional funds come from their levy, grants, and state subsidy. The department's four main divisions provide a variety of services necessary for the protection of health, safety, and well-being of Portage County residents. The four divisions, along with some of their duties, include:

- Nursing
  - child and adult immunizations
  - flu and pneumonia shots
  - communicable disease
- Environmental
  - restaurants, grocery stores, and vending machine inspections
  - school health and safety, including cafeteria inspection
  - protection of water supply
  - sewage system inspection
- Plumbing
  - plumbing inspection in all new homes and commercial dwellings
  - plumbing inspection in existing homes prior to hook-up to sanitary sewer lines
- Administrative
  - issue permits for all new water wells, septic systems, plumbing, and mass gatherings
  - licensure of restaurants, grocery stores, trailer parks, vending machines, pools, marinas, motels, solid waste facilities
  - maintenance of accurate and complete statistics and records on all aspects of public health

The new home sewage treatment systems rules and no smoking rules will place additional responsibilities on the health department. They are ready for this challenge and welcome the opportunity to improve the health of our community.

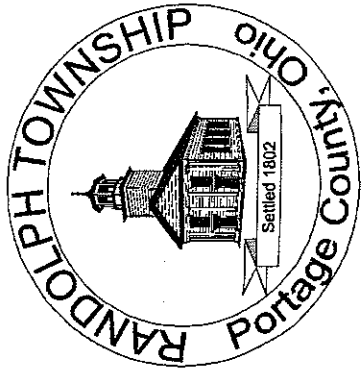
At the annual meeting, the Portage County Health Department passed out information regarding the services provided in 2006. Randolph Township had a total of 606 environmental/plumbing inspections and 277 nursing division services. For additional information on what services are available, please the Portage County Health Department at 330-296-9919.

The Randolph Township Trustees strongly encourage your support for this vital service in our county.

## Township/Community Events



On Saturday, May 5, 2007 the first annual Randolph Township Roadside Clean-up will take place. Volunteers are needed to make this project a success. We are hoping to clean the whole township in eight hours! The scheduled time for clean-up is 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Several Boy Scout troops have volunteered to help with this community project. Trash bags and a dumpster will be provided. If your organization or family would like to be part of this service project, please contact trustee Roger Klodt at 330-524-7632. We realize not everyone can commit to the entire time, but still want to be part of this worthwhile project. A suggestion would be to clean just in front of your house or possibly your road. Every little bit helps and would be greatly appreciated.



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## Spring Recycle Day

The snow has finally melted and spring is on its way. Now is the time for some spring cleaning. Mark your calendars for the annual clean up event. Randolph Township Recycle Day will be Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the Administration Building parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is free and available for Randolph Township residents only. It will take place rain or shine.

### Acceptable items to recycle include:

- Scrap tires (with or without rims)
- Appliances (with or without Freon)
- Miscellaneous scrap metal
- Lead acid batteries

### Please remember the following items are not acceptable:

- Trash or debris
- Paint, oil, and hazardous waste.

For more information please call Dan Kolasky at 330-325-7338 or the Portage County Solid Waste Management District at 1-800-543-2998.

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